—OF THE—

SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Mississippi Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH,

COMMENCING OCTOBER 9TH, 1885.

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION:

Rev. W. W. BOLLS, Zion Hill,	MODERATOR.
Rev. R. N. HALL, McComb,	CLERK.
W. Z. LEA, Liberty,	TREASURER.

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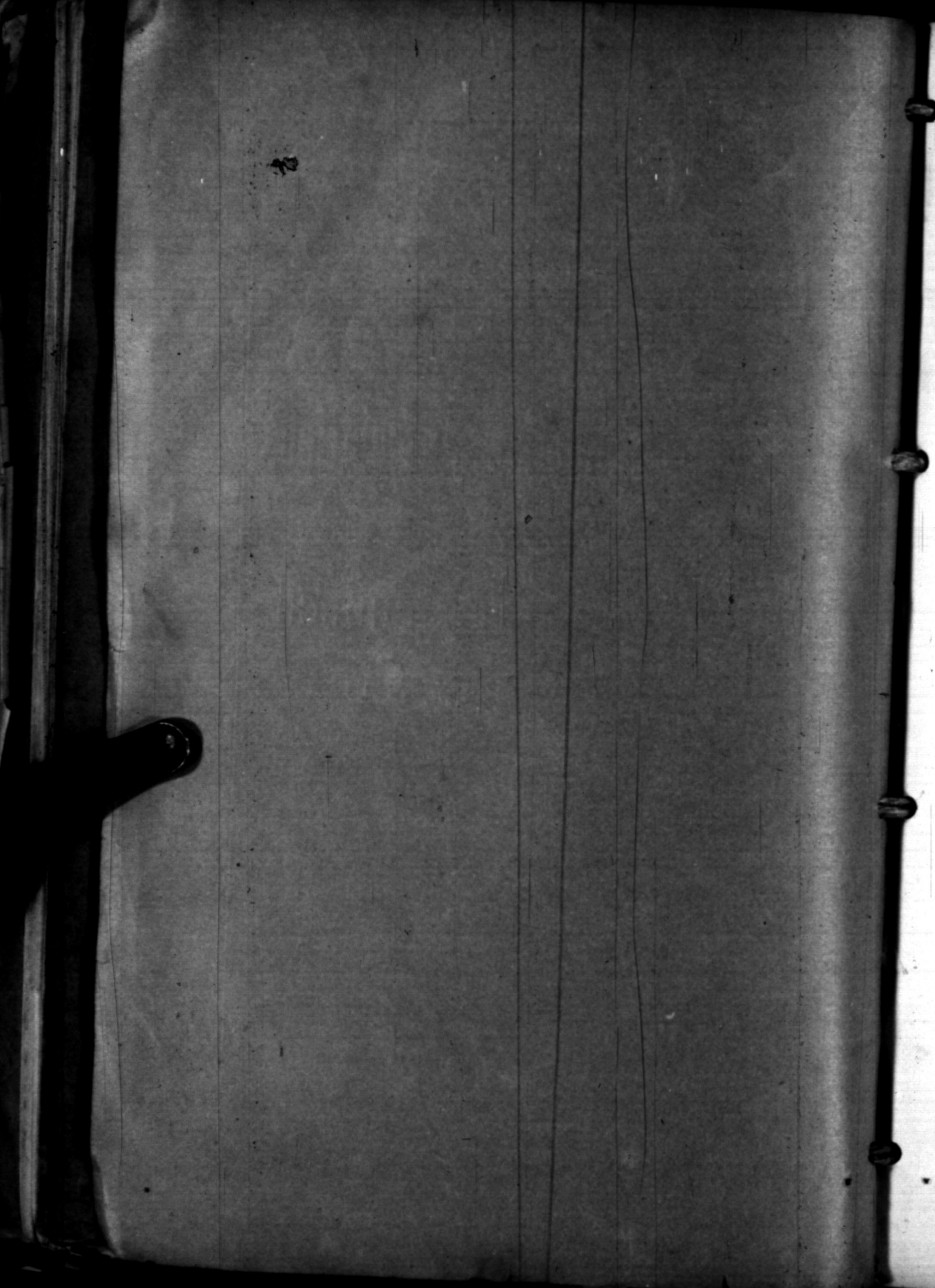

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of Seventy-Ninth Annual Session.

WOODVILLE, MISS., October 9, 1885.

The Mississippi Baptist Association convened this day in in its Seventy-ninth Session, with the Woodville Baptist Church.

After Devotional Exercises, conducted by Elder R. N. Hall, the Association was called to order by Elder W. W. Bolls, the former Moderator.

On motion, the preaching of the Introductory Sermon was deferred until 7:30 o'clock to-night.

On motion of Elder W. H. Tucker, the Association proceeded to effect a permanent organization.

W. H. Tucker and T. J. Scott were appointed to read the letters.

The following Churches were represented by letter and delegates, as stated below:

Hopewell—T. J. Scott.
New Hope—B. F. Zumbro and P. N. Foye.
Natchez—By letter.
Providence—Jas. M. Halford and T. C. Clay.
New Providence—I. D. McLain and W. I. Causey.
Ramah—By letter.
Sarepta—Charley Emfinger and W. J. Weathersly.
Summit—J. R. Sample and W. T. Johns.
Union (Franklin)—E. B. Seale and Elder G. W. Farmer.
Woodville—Elder G. B. Rogers and J. B. Oliver.
Zion Hill—Elder W. W. Bolls, Brother K. L. Butler and Cicero Gray.
Dry Fork Union—D. N. Cavin.
East Fork—Elders W. H. Tucker and H. G. Quin.
Ebenezer—P. P. McCoy, J. A. White and W. H. Cox.
Fort Adams—H. A. Rogers and J. L. Stricker.
Liberty—W. Z. Lea and James Causey.

Mars Hill—M. H. Martin, R. B. Thompson and M. M. Whitney.
Mount Zion—Adam Cotten.
Pioneer—I. J. Bunch and J. M. Carter.
Siloam—Elder S. H. Thompson and Brother Thomas Dredin.
New Salem—J. F. Porter and T. S. Byrd.
McComb City—Elder R. N. Hall and D. S. Quinn.
Percy Creek—John Smith and W. H. Davis.
New Zion—Z. E. Nunnery and T. H. Marsalis.
Gallilee—S. S. Faust and T. J. Dye.
Union (Amite)—John H. Butler and Jesse Butler.
Homerhill—Richard Tillery and Jasper McCarley.

The Association then proceeded to elect officers, W. H. Tucker and T. J. Scott acting as tellers, which resulted in making Elder W. W. Bolls, Moderator, Elder R. N. Hall, Clerk, and W. Z. Lea, Treasurer.

On motion, the following hours were set for the meeting and closing of the session of this body: Meet at 9:30 A. M., and 2:30 P. M., and adjourn at 12:30 P. M., and 5 P. M.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at 2:30 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—2:30 O'CLOCK.

Association assembled.

Elder W. H. Tucker, in absence of Moderator, officiating.

After devotional Exercises, the Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Religious Exercises—Pastors and Deacons of Woodville Church and J. R. Sample.

Finance—W. T. Johns, M. M. Whitney and Cicero Gray.

Nominations—Elder H. G. Quinn, W. Z. Lea and W. I. Causey.

Obituaries—Elder W. H. Tucker, J. White and Adam Cotten.

Home and State Missions—Elder J. B. Gambrell, J. B. Oliver and E. B. Seal.

Ministerial Education—G. B. Rogers, James Causey and W. H. Cox.

Sunday Schools—J. R. Sample, R. B. Thompson and M. H. Martin.

Publication—Elder E. W. Spencer, T. J. Scott, and J. M. Halford.

Systematic Benevolence—Elders G. W. Farmer, H. S. Archer and brother S. S. Faust.

On Prohibition—Elders H. G. Quinn, J. C. Gadd and brother S. J. McDonald.

Abstract of Letters—E. B. Oliver, George S. Morris and B. F. Zumbro.

Foreign Missions—Elder W. H. Tucker, A. C. Crane and brother K. L. Butler.

Mississippi College—Elder H. S. Archer, brother M. M. Whitney and J. L. Strickland.

On motion, a Committee was appointed to investigate the claims of the Centerville Church to admission into the Association, consisting of J. R. Sample, R. B. Thompson and T. J. Scott.

Corresponding Messengers being called for, the following delegates and messengers reported, and were received and welcomed to a seat in the body, to-wit:

Elder J. B. Gambrell, from Mississippi Convention Board.

Elder A. C. Crain, from the American Baptist Publication Society.

Mississippi River Association—Elders J. C. Gadd, and E. W. Spencer, and brother DeWitt Gordon.

Elder H. S. Archer was received and welcomed from the Tishomingo Association.

Mississippi Baptist Association (colored)—The letter was read and delegates received and welcomed.

Homochitto Association (colored)—The letter read and delegates received and welcomed.

On motion, the rules were suspended and a Committee on Disorderly Churches was appointed, consisting of Elders E. W. Spencer, G. B. Rogers, H. G. Quinn, G. W. Farmer, S. H. Thompson and J. B. Gambrell.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Disorderly Churches was made the special order for Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Prohibition was set for special hearing at 7:30 o'clock Saturday evening.

The Committee on the Petitionary Letter of the Centreville Church, asking for admission into the Association, reported favorably, and the church was received upon the letter.

Elder J. B. Gambrell read the report of the Committee on Home and State Missions, which was discussed. Pending the discussion, the Association adjourned until 9:30 o'clock, Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING—9:30 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator led the Devotional exercises.

The report of the Committee on Home and State Missions being before the body, it was taken up and discussed.

On motion, the report was laid upon the table, to be taken up at 2:30 P. M.

Elder G. W. Farmer read the report on Systematic Benevolence, which was discussed, amended and adopted. (Appendix A.)

Elder E. W. Spencer read the report of the Committee on Publications, which was discussed and adopted. (Appendix B.)

The Committee on Programme for the Night Service, especially set apart to consider the subject of Prohibition, made a report, which was adopted.

Elder W. H. Tucker read the report of Committee on Obituaries, which was adopted. (Appendix C.)

On motion, the hour of 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning was set for the hearing of the report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

On motion, the Association adjourned at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

SATURDAY—2:30 P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

After Devotional Exercises, proceeded to business.

The report of Committee on Home and State Missions was taken up, amended and adopted. (Appendix D.)

J. B. Oliver read the report of Committee on Abstract of Letters, which was adopted. (Appendix E.)

Elder W. H. Tucker read the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, which was discussed and adopted. (Appendix F.)

M. M. Whitney read the report of the Committee on Finance, which was adopted. (Appendix G.)

Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report which was adopted. (Appendix H.)

W. Z. Læa read his report as Treasurer of the Association, which after examination, was adopted. (Appendix I.)

Elder H. S. Archer read the report of the Committee on Mississippi College, which was discussed and adopted. (Appendix J.)

Elder H. G. Quinn read the report of the Committee on Nominations, which was adopted. (Appendix K.)

Elder G. B. Rogers read the report of the Committee on Ministerial Education, which was adopted and discussed. (Appendix L.)

On motion, the suggestion of the Summit Church in reference to representation in the Association by ministers was referred to the churches for consideration. (Appendix M.)

Association adjourned until 7:30 o'clock to-night.

SATURDAY NIGHT—7:30 O'CLOCK.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

After Religious Exercises, was called to order.

Elder H. G. Quinn read the report of Committee on Prohibition which was discussed and adopted. (Appendix N.)

On motion, adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING—9:30 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

After Devotional Exercises, the special order of the day was called for, whereupon, J. R. Sample read the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools, which was discussed and adopted. (Appendix O.)

On motion, it was decided to have a night session after preaching.

Adjourned.

At night, in the midst of some confusion, the Moderator decided that he could not entertain a motion to adjourn, as the morning session service, which was called for a specific purpose, was not the proper place to arrange for a special session of the body. The decision was appealed to the House, and the Chair was sustained.

The meeting was informally dismissed.

MONDAY MORNING—9:30 O'CLOCK.

Association called to order.

After Religious Exercises, proceeded to business.

The Committee on Apportionment was dismissed and this work referred to the clerk and two brethren to be appointed, and that said committee be governed in their work by the financial statistical table. Brethren J. R. Sample and Thos. L. Cotton were appointed to co-operate with the clerk.

W. Z. Lea, Chairman of the Executive Committee, made a report, which was adopted. (Appendix P.)

Elder E. W. Spencer read the report of the Committee as Disorderly Churches, which was amended by the Association adopting the following resolution of the Liberty church, viz:

Resolved, That we the Baptist church at Liberty hereby declare our belief that the law of Jesus Christ recognizes but one sufficient cause for divorce, viz: Adultery.

On motion, the report was further amended by making the letter of Dr. John A. Broadus part of report, and by striking out all reference to the action of the Association last year.

The report was then adopted. (Appendix Q.)

On motion, letters of dismission were granted to the following churches for the purpose of organizing a new Association, viz: Woodville, Union (Amite), Providence, Fort Adams, Percy's Creek, Pioneer, Natchez and Dry Fork Union.

On motion, the Clerk of this Association was authorized to issue letters of dismission to any church or churches which might apply for the same in order to go into new Associations.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to print 25 Minutes over and above the number called for by the churches, and that he be allowed $25.00 for his services.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have the Minutes of the Ladies Missionary Meeting held with the Woodville Ladies Missionary Society printed with the Minutes of the Association. (Appendix R.)

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay over the money in his hands for different objects to the proper persons, in accordance with the instructions of the churches.

The following Messengers were appointed to Corresponding Bodies, viz:

Mississippi Colored Baptist Association—Elder Thomas Landsdell and Brother J. A. White.

Mississippi River Association—Elders W. H. Tucker, H. G. Quinn and S. H. Thompson.

Homochitto Colored Association—Elders W. W. Bolls, S. H. Thompson and Brothers E. B. Seale, T. J. Scott and J. A. Jenkins.

Mississippi College—Elders G. B. Rogers, S. H. Thompson and H. S. Archer, and Brothers T. J. Scott and S. S. Faust.

Fair River Association—Elder R. N. Hall and Brothers J. R. Sample and R. B. Thompson.

Union Association—Elders G. B. Rogers and G. W. Farmer, and Brothers E. B. Seale and T. J. Scott.

Gulf Coast Association—Elder R. N. Hall and Brothers E. B. Seale and S. S. Faust.

Bogue Chitto Association—Elders H. G. Quinn and R. N. Hall, and Brothers J. R. Sample and W. Z. Lea.

Mississippi State Convention—Elders G. B. Rogers, W. W Bolls, S. H. Thompson, G. W. Farmer, H. S. Archer, H. G. Quinn and R. N. Hall, and Brothers J. R. Sample, J. B. Oliver, S. S. Faust, R. B. Thompson, T. J. Scott and E. B. Seale.

On motion, any Brother attending the State Convention, or any Association in the State, be authorized to represent us with that body.

On motion, Messengers were appointed to the New Association to be organized on the 3d Sunday in November next, as follows:

Elders W. W. Bolls, and S. H. Thompson, and Brothers J. A. White, T. J. Scott, P. N. Foy, P. P. McCoy, B. F. Zumbro and W. Z. Lea.

The Association then proceeded to select place of next meeting.

Mount Zion Church was selected.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the Woodville Church, and the citizens of this vicinity, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered the officers of this Association for the manner in which they have discharged their respective duties.

While they sang, the brethren gave the parting hand and then the Association adjourned to meet with the

Mount Zion Church, on Friday before the 2d Sunday in October, 1886.

R. N. HALL,
Clerk.

W. W. BOLLS,
Moderator.

The Committee on Apportionment beg leave to report:

That it is impossible for them to act in the matter according to instructions, and offer in lieu thereof, that each church raise 50 cents per member for Missions. Respectfully submitted,

R. N. HALL, Chr'n.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.—Systematic Benevolence.

Your Committee on Systematic Benevolence beg leave to report:

That in our judgment the churches of this Association are yet without a plan for giving, that will work in all the churches, therefore we beg to recommend the following, viz: That each church appoint a committee, whose duty it shall be to collect money for all benevolent purposes, said money to be paid out by order of the church in quarterly instalments to the several enterprises of the denomination.

G. W. FARMER,
For Committee.

APPENDIX B.—Report of Publications.

Your Committee on Publications report:

The influence of what we read, in shaping our minds, in giving bent to our character, in the cultivation of our hearts, cannot be measured. How important, then, that we read only the best books, the best papers. We would earnestly urge our members, such as may now be doing so, to discontinue the bringing into their families of a certain class of family magazines, and story papers, that recommend themselves to us by their cheapness and their exciting nature.

We urge our members to subscribe for the Baptist Record, Clinton, Miss. It is a paper worthy of our warmest support. We commend Kind Words, Ford's Christian Repository, and publications of the American Baptist Publication Society.

E. W. SPENCER, Chairman,
J. M. HALFORD,
T. J. SCOTT.

APPENDIX C.—Report on Obituaries.

It becomes our sad duty to record the death of the following members of our churches, who have, since our last meeting, been

called hence, and who we believe died in the blessed hope of a glorious immortality:

Mount Zion—Brother Edward Byrd.

Natchez—Deacon B. Pendleton and one other.

Mars Hill—One death.

Liberty—Sister Sarah Gayle, Louisa Webb, Hannah Brumfield, Sophia Aumack, and Julia Thompson.

Ebenezer—Bros. W. K. Dixon, L. D. Chance, Jr., Sisters Adeline Perkins, Nina Chance, and Alzada Caldwell.

Fort Adams—One death.

East Fork—Bro. Benj. Jenkins, Sister Susan Butler, and four others.

Dry Fork Union—One death.

Percy's Creek—Sister Jennie Brown.

Pioneer—One death.

Ramah—Sister Frances Smith.

Sarepta—One death.

Summit—Sisters Jane E. Weathersby and Medora Williams.

Union (Franklin)—One death.

Zion Hill—Two deaths.

W. H. TUCKER,
JOHN A. WHITE,
ADAM COTTEN.

APPENDIX D.—REPORT ON HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

All Missions rest on one common foundation, the command of our great Head, Jesus Christ. Division of the great field, which is the world, into Associational, State, Home and Foreign Missions is only for convenience.

By Home Missions is meant Missions under the management of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Atlanta, Ga. This Board overlooks the entire Southern field, and is doing a great work, especially in the Western States. New Orleans is receiving important aid from this Board. We should increase our contributions in that direction.

State Missions embrace Missions in the territory of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, embracing the greater part of Mississippi, and all of East Louisiana. Much has been done to supply the destitute in these bounds within the last ten years; but the work is by no means done. There remains yet no little destitution in some of our larger towns, and in many of our country places. The great mass of the 61,000 Baptists of Mississippi are yet undeveloped in the grace of giving. There is, too, just now a pressing demand on us to organize churches and build meeting-houses in the new towns springing up along the lines of the new railroads now traversing our territory for about 800 miles. It is wisdom to seize these new centers of population before others go in and formulate public sentiment.

The Convention Board, located at Jackson, Miss., now has charge of this work, and they hope that the well-begun work shall not go back, nor lag, till all the waste places of the State are made to blossom as the rose.

Submitted, J. B. GAMBRELL, Chairman,
J. B. OLIVER,
E. SEAL.

Elder R. N. Hall offered the following resolutions, which were adopted and made a part of the preceding report, viz:

Resolved, 1st. That this Association do heartily co-operate with our Convention Mission Board, located at Jackson, Miss., and that hereafter we do all our Mission work through this Board.

Resolved, 2d. That a committee of one from each church be appointed to apportion the amount to be raised for Missions by this Association to the different churches.

APPENDIX E.—REPORT OF ABSTRACTS.

Your Committee on Abstracts submit the following, to wit:

Dry Fork Union—H. S. Archer, pastor; condition of church improved since last report.

East Fork—Elder W. H. Tucker, pastor; our church is harmonious and prospering moderately in our various interests.

Ebenezer—Elder Thomas Lansdell, pastor; reports meeting of days and baptism of fourteen persons.

Fort Adams—Elder G. B. Rogers, pastor; regret to state that our church is cold, *cold*.

Galilee—We have had the pastoral labors of Elder Peter Turner for one Sunday and Saturday before in each month, and feel that his labors have been blessed to some extent, and that our condition spiritually, is better than it was at our last report.

Hopewell—Enjoys the pastoral services of Elder W. W. Bolls, who has proved himself to be a most earnest worker in the Lord's cause, and has greatly endeared himself to this community.

Centreville—Elder Peter Turner, pastor; just organized and hopeful; needs financial aid in building a meeting-house.

Liberty—Elder W. H. Tucker, pastor; is reported much revived.

Mar's Hill—Elder W. W. Bolls, pastor; greatly revived and increased in number.

Mount Zion—Elder W. W. Bolls, pastor; we have held a most precious revival and feel that we have been blessed with the presence of the Lord.

Natchez—Elder Z. T. Leavell, pastor; has had a year of labor and seed-sowing and believing in the promises of our Lord is expecting reaping time to come; is a church of brotherly love.

New Hope—We are at peace; some interested in the cause of

Christ. We are blessed with the labors of Elder Geo. W. Farmer and J. R. Mullins.

New Providence—Elder Thomas Lansdell, pastor; our church is in a prosperous condition; peace, harmony and brotherly love prevails; reports a revival.

New Salem—Elder T. P. Stewart, pastor;; church has been much revived; has a good prayer-meeting and Sunday-school twice a month.

New Zion—Elder A. G. Felder, pastor; has had a meeting of days; church revived.

Percy's Creek—Elder H. S. Archer, pastor, revived; good fellowship prevails.

Pioneer—Elder H. S. Archer, pastor; improved and in good working order.

Providence—Elder S. H. Thompson, pastor; church is in working condition and brotherly love prevails.

Rahmah—Elder Z. Lofton, pastor; reports accessions and is at peace.

Sarepta—Has the pastoral labors of Elders T. P. Stewart and W. J. Weatherly.

Siloam—Elder S. H. Thompson, pastor; has had a good year; many added to the church.

Summit—Elder R. N. Hall, pastor; reports evidence of spiritual progress; the outlook better than it was last year.

Union, Franklin—Elder G. W. Farmer, pastor; we feel that we have been spiritually blessed.

Union, Amite—Elder S. H. Thompson, pastor; in good condition, with many disadvantages to contend with.

Woodville—Elder G. B. Rogers, pastor; reports progress in church work.

McComb City—Elder R. N. Hall, pastor; while there has been no special revival, the church is in good spiritual condition and good working order.

Zion Hill—Elder W. W. Bolls, pastor; in harmony.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. OLIVER,
B. F. ZUMBRO,
GEO. S. MORRIS,
Committee.

APPENDIX F.—Foreign Missions.

The magnitude of this work demands our prayerful consideration. The fields are white unto the harvest. The door is open for us to enter into every land, and the Master is approving and blessing the work in a manner that is wonderfully encouraging.

To speak of its importance is superfluous. The Master commands it, and fidelity requires us to yield prompt obedience. A specified sum is asked of us for our Foreign Mission Board. The amount is reasonable, and your committee recommends that

the Association should contribute this cheerfully, and more if possible.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. TUCKER,
A. C. CRAIN,
K. L. BUTLER.

APPENDIX G.—REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance would report as follows, to-wit:

Received for Associational purposes	$ 91 45
State Missions	133 10
Foreign Missions	15 20
Mississippi College	47 00
Ministerial Education	4 65
Sustentation	2 50
Total	$298 90

Which amount has been paid to W. Z. Lea, the Treasurer of Association.

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find it all correct.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. JOHNS, Chairman.

APPENDIX H.—REPORT ON RELIGIOUS SERVICE.

For Sunday morning, 11 o'clock, at Baptist church, preaching by J. B. Gambrell.

Sunday morning, 11 o'clock, at Methodist church, preaching by R. N. Hall.

Sunday evening, 7:30 o'clock, at Baptist church, preaching by W. H. Tucker.

Sunday evening, 7:30 o'clock, at Methodist church, preaching by H. S. Archer.

We recommend that the report on Sunday schools be made the special order for to-morrow morning, 9:30 o'clock; the programme to be arranged for mass meeting to follow the report, to be prepared by pastor of this church.

Respectfully, G. B. ROGERS, Chairman.

APPENDIX I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. Z. LEA, In Account with Mississippi Association:

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Balance on hand from last year for Associational purposes	$16 50
Received from Finance Committee	90 15
Total	$106 65

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By amount paid Clerk	$25 00	
Printing Minutes	50 00	
		$75 00
Balance on hand		$31 65
Balance on hand from last year for State and Associational Missions		$23 75
Received from Finance Committee		77 40
R. D. Smith		6 00
Dr. Kinnebrew		5 00
East Fork church		10 25
M. M. Whitney, Mar's Hill church		2 00
T. McGehee, Mar's Hill church		5 00
J. R. Sample		15 00
Mrs. P. Bates, Liberty church		5 00
J. D. Lea, Liberty church		5 00
W. Z. Lea, Liberty church		5 00
Miss Cornie Gale, Liberty church		2 00
Mt. Zion church		39 00
Elder Peter Turner, (collected,)		11 10
Miss Mollie Garrow, Liberty church		1 00
Ladies' Aid Society, Liberty church		2 50
Galilee church		9 25
Centerville church		11 05
Various sources		17 40
Total received		$253 30

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By am't paid Elder Peter Turner	$173 30
New Salem church	50 00
Providence church	25 00
Elder S. H. Thompson	5 00
	$253 30

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Balance on hand last report	$22 00
Rec'd from Finance Committee	22 50
Ebenezer church	6 75
Miss Cornie Gayle	3 00
Total	$54 25

CR.

By amount remitted Dr. Tupper	$40 00
Balance on hand	$14 25

HOME MISSION BOARD.

Received from Finance Committee $52 30

CR.

By amount paid Secretary of Board $52 30

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

Received from Finance Committee $20 70

CR.

By amount paid Elder W. S. Webb $20 70

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Received from Finance Committee $16 65

CR.

By amount paid W. S. Webb $16 65

NEW ORLEANS MISSION.

Amount collected on Sunday for this work $44 15

CR.

By amount paid Miss Emma Gardner $44 15

SUSTENTATION.

Received from Finance Committee $2 50

CR.

By amount still on hand $2 50

NATCHEZ CHURCH.

Received from last Association $12 50

CR.

By amount paid R. C. Jeffries, Natchez $12 50

Respectfully submitted,

W. Z. LEA, Treasurer.

APPENDIX J.—REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

We, your Committee, respectfully submit the following report: In our opinion, the College has never been held in higher esteem by the denomination than now, nor, since the war, been under more favorable auspices, opening this session with 112 students enrolled; total number last year, 234; the number of young ministers in attendance last year, 43. This, of itself, ought to endear the College to the heart of every Baptist in our

State. Besides, the College should have a place in the affections of the Baptists of the State for what it has done and is doing for the young men of the land.

We recommend the College to your favorable consideration, sympathy and support.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. ARCHER,
J. L. STRICKER,
M. M. WHITNEY,
Committee.

APPENDIX K.—Report on Nominations.

Your Committee on Nominations submit the following report, viz:

Executive Board—W. Z. Lea, Winchester Everett, W. H. Bates, Wilford Robinson, Marshall Lea.

Elder G. B. Rogers appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder R. N. Hall, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. QUINN, Chairman.

APPENDIX L.—Ministerial Education.

Your Committee would respectfully submit the following:

It is with pleasure we note a growing interest on the part of most of our churches in the education of our young ministers who have espoused this, the greatest of all other callings, the preaching of the glorious gospel of the Son of God.

Every minister truly called of God to preach, feels the need of preparation for the work. Like a dull axe that may cut some, so may an uneducated minister be able to preach some without education, but the mind and heart need sharpening by training and priming. By all means, these brethren ought to attend those of our institutions that look after the cultivation of mind and heart.

As such institutions we recommend Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

For some wise reason, unknown to us, it seems that the Lord calls our poor young men to the work of the ministry, who have not the means to spare from their own and the necessities of others, who may be largely if not entirely dependent upon them for a support. We would, therefore, recommend that all the churches do their duty, and their whole duty for ministerial education.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. ROGERS, Chairman.

APPENDIX M.

The Summit Church would beg leave, through the Association, to recommend to the Churches that Article 5 of the Powers of the Association, be amended by adding the following after the word voting, to-wit:

Provided, That all ministers who are pastors of Churches in this Association, be allowed the same and all the privileges of delegates elect.

APPENDIX N.—Report on Prohibition.

Your Committee on Prohibition submit the following report:

We mean by Prohibition to stop the traffic of intoxicating liquors by all moral and legal means. God has given us a moral code, for the benefit of the human family or social beings; first, sobriety is enjoined as a duty for all, embracing the rich, poor, wise, ignorant, young and old. Temperance is also given for all to promote the cause of Temperance. Our version of Temperance: Use moderately the things useful to us, total abstinence from all that is pernicious. Then again, we have a rule given us, a duty for us to practice with each other, called a Golden Rule: "Do unto others as we would have them do unto us" under like circumstances; therefore, we consider the whisky traffic a moral wrong.

Therefore, we have no right to have any law in existence to have anything speculated on as merchandise that proves detrimental to the happiness of the human family. Then the whisky traffic is a legal wrong. All of its influences bear in direct opposition to the religion of Jesus Christ. We are commanded to avoid the very appearance of evil; then it is a wrong religiously. Then, if it is a moral, political and religious wrong, it behooves all citizens, as well as Christians, to exert an influence to stay the whisky traffic.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. QUINN,
J. C. GADD,
S. E. McDONALD,
Committee.

APPENDIX O.—Report on Sunday Schools.

Your Committe on Sunday Schools beg leave to report as follows, to-wit:

The day has passed in our country when the necessity of Sunday Schools should be pressed upon the attention of the people. The two questions now are: 1st, how to make Sunday Schools already established more efficient? 2d, what kind of literature

shall they use? We are satisfied that improvement can be made in both of these directions.

We would respectfully urge upon the pastors to look after the interests of the Sunday Schools in their respective Churches, looking to their efficiency and to the character of their literature.

J. R. SAMPLE, For Committee.

APPENDIX P.—REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Board respectfully report, that in order to meet the responsibilities in connection with the organizing of Churches on the line of the new railroad, the Board employed Elder Peter Turner, at a salary of $500, who entered upon his labors as missionary on the 1st of January, preaching at Centerville and Knoxville, in our own bounds, and at Norwood's and Wilson's in the bounds of the Mississippi River Association. Churches have been organized at Centerville and Knoxville, and in the near future it is expected to organize one at Norwood's.

Respectfully submitted, W. Z. LEA, Chairman.

APPENDIX Q.—REPORT ON DISORDERLY CHURCHES.

Your committee beg leave to report:

Upon investigation, we find:

First. That Siloam, one of the Churches named as being in disorder, has amicably and scripturally settled her difficulty.

Secondly. That other churches are charged as being in disorder for same cause, besides Zion Hill and Liberty.

Thirdly. That such disorder, in some of our churches at least, has existed for a long time.

Fourthly. That our churches need instruction as to the law of divorce, as given to us by Christ.

Wherefore, we recommend that the pastors of the several churches in our bounds be requested to preach at an early day on the New Testament law of divorce.

We further recommend and earnestly urge the churches to exercise discipline in accordance with Divine law as soon as practicable.

We submit the following letter from Dr. Jno. A. Broadus, President Theological Seminary, as part of our report:

LOUISVILLE, KY., July 24th, 1885.

Mr. W. Z. Lea:

DEAR BROTHER: I did not intend to delay so long in answering your letter.

The case you describe belongs to a class sometimes causing

great pain in the action necessary to be taken. To me it seems perfectly plain that our Lord expressly prohibits divorce, except for the cause of unchastity. When, therefore, two persons have been by law divorced on other grounds, and one of them, during the life-time of the other, marries again, I do not see how a church can recognize this second marriage, or fail to treat it as adulterous. It may sometimes be a very painful action to take.

Well meaning people often confuse in their minds the civil and the religious element of marriage, and so may honestly think their action allowable in the second marriage, as it is according to the law of the State; but it seems to me clearly the duty of the church to exclude a member who has entered into such a marriage.

But some eminent brethren among us incline to the opinion that Paul, in I. Cor., 7th chapter, authorizes divorce on the ground of desertion—a view from which has been developed, by degrees, all the loose divorce legislation of many Protestant countries. It seems to me a great mistake to suppose that Paul has changed the Savior's law on the subject, when his language means nothing more than that the Christian partners may live apart (separation, not divorce) if the heathen will not consent to their living together. But it ought to be borne in mind that some Baptists hold desertion to be a scriptural ground of divorce. The view I have taken is also that of Hovey on "The Scriptural Law of Divorce," where the subject is fully and ably discussed.

Yours truly, JOHN A. BROADUS.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. W. SPENCER, Chairman.

APPENDIX R.—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY MEETING.

At 4 o'clock P. M., on Sunday, October 11, there was held in Baptist Church of Woodville, a Woman's Missionary Meeting, presided over by President of Woodville Society, Miss Ellen Gibson.

After Devotional Exercises, the meeting was addressed by Elder J. M. Gambrell. Sisters C. H. Causey and Katie E. Rogers.

A collection was taken for Missions, amounting to $4 35.

By motion, all the societies in the Association were requested to send every year at least one delegate to the Association to represent their respective societies. If not possible to send a delegate, to be represented by letter.

The meeting adjourned and closed with religious service.

MISS ELLEN GIBSON, President.

MISS LAURA FUGLER, Secretary.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Postoffice.	Days of Preac'g	Baptized.	By Letter	Restored.	Dismiss'd	Excluded.	Died.....	Total Mem's'p	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Missis'ppi College.	Sustenta-tion.....	Minist'ri'l Educat'n	Minist'ri'l Help.....	
Centerville.....	Peter Turner..	Z. T. Champlin..	Centerville..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$1 52
Dry Fork Union.	H. S. Archer ..	D. N. Cavin	Woodville...	Third	4	..	..	2	..	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
East Fork.....	W. H. Tucker .	E. A. Bates.....	Bates' Mill..	Second	4	2	3	4	7	6	199	$16 00	$5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Ebenezer	T. Landsdell..	R. D. J. Smith...	Olio.....	.....	15	1	1	3	1	5	180	.....	6 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Fort Adams	G. B. Rogers..	R. B. Price.....	Fort Adams.	Fourth	..	..	1	13	8	1	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Galilee.....	Peter Turner..	T. H. Hoff.....	Gloster.	.....	2	9	1	8	..	..	126	12 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Homerhill	S. H. Thompson	Jasper McCurley.	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hopewell.	W. W. Bolls....	S. S. Montgomery	Meadville. ..	.....	3	..	2	2	4	..	55	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
~~Liberty~~.....	~~W. H. Tucker .~~	~~W. Z. Lea~~.....	~~Liberty~~.	~~Third~~	~~12~~	~~5~~	~~1~~	~~4~~	~~8~~	~~7~~	~~159~~	~~12 00~~	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	~~3 00~~
Mars' Hill.....	W. W. Bolls...	J. A. Burrus.	Summit	Third	17	4	..	4	3	1	179	34 35	7 25	$20 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Mt. Zion.....	W. W. Bolls. ..	W. I. Weathersly.	Little Spri'gs	Second	9	3	2	13	5	1	198	43 65	....	1 00	.....	.....	$17 50	5 00
New Salem.....	I. P. Stewart..	W. G. Byrd.....	McCall's Cr'k	First	2	2	..	2	2	..	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 05
New Zion.....	A. G. Felder ..	Z. E. Nunnery...	Liberty.	Fourth	..	..	..	..	..	..	64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
New Providence.	T. Landsdell..	I. C. Causey.....	Merwin.....	First	3	1	..	..	..	1	72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Providence.....	S. H. Thompson	W. J. Young.....	Meadville. ..	Third	5	1	4	2	2	..	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Pioneer.....	H. S. Archer...	James Mahoney.	Wilkinson ..	First	1	..	1	..	3	1	52	7 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Percy's Creek...	H. S. Archer ..	W. H. Davis.....	Woodville....	.....	1	..	2	..	2	..	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Ramah	Z. Loftin.....	W. H. Bowen....	.....	Third	12	2	3	6	12	1	149	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00
New Hope.....	G. W. Farmer.	Geo. E. Smith. ..	Meadville...	.....	3	..	2	..	..	..	69	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Siloam.....	S. H. Thompson	Lafayette Melton.	Liberty	Fourth	8	8	2	12	1	..	69	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Sarepta.....	T. P. Stewart..	D. L. Cain	Union Ch'u'ch	.....	11	7	5	..	3	1	61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Summit.....	R. N. Hall....	M. C. Dunn.	Summit.....	1st & 3d	11	10	..	8	2	2	105	25 65	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Union (Amite)..	S. H. Thompson	John Butler.....	Gloster City.	First	5	1	1	..	..	..	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Union (Franklin)	G. W. Farmer.	W S. P. Claughton	.....	Fourth	14	5	7	8	8	1	158	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 60
Wall Street.....	Z. T. Leavell..	S. White.....	Natchez	Full time	10	18	..	2	..	4	139	70 70	5 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	8 00
Woodville.....	G. B. Rogers. .	J. B. Oliver.	Woodville...	1st & 3d	11	8	1	..	..	..	41	25 00	5 00	50 00	$2 50	$4 65	.....	2 00
McComb City..	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00

ROLL OF CHURCHES.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Postoffice.	No. of Min.
Centerville	Peter Turner	Z. T. Champlin	Centerville	10
Dry Fork Union	H. S. Archer	D. N. Cavin	Woodville	25
East Fork	W. H. Tucker	E. A. Bates	Bates' Mill	50
Ebenezer	Thos. Lansdell	R. D. J. Smith	Olio	35
Fort Adams	G. B. Rogers	R. B. Price	Fort Adams	15
Galilee	Peter Turner	T. H. Hoff	Gloster	20
Homerhill	S. H. Thompson	Jas. McCurley	Liberty	10
Hopewell	W. W. Bolls	S. S. Montgomery	Meadville	20
Liberty	W. H. Tucker	W. Z. Lea	Liberty	30
Marshall	W. W. Bolls	J. A. Burrus	Summit	40
Mt. Zion	W. W. Bolls	H. I. Weathersby	Little Springs	75
New Salem	T. P. Stewart	W. G. Byrd	McCall's Creek	10
New Zion	A. G. Felder	Z. L. Nunnery	Liberty	30
New Providence	Thos. Lansdell	J. C. Causey	Merwin	30
Providence	S. H. Thompson	W. J. Young	Meadville	20
Pioneer	H. S. Archer	James Mahoney	Wilkinson	25
Percy's Creek	H. S. Archer	W. D. Davis	Wilkinson	30
Ramah	Z. Loftin	W. H. Bowlin	Brookhaven	20
New Hope	G. W. Farmer	Geo. E. Smith	Meadville	15
Siloam	S. H Thompson	Lafayette Melton	Liberty	30
Sarepta	T. P. Stewart	D. L. Cain	Union Church	15
Summit	R. N. Hall	M. C. Dunn	Summit	30
Union, (Amite,)	S. H. Thompson	John Butler	Gloster	15
Union, (Franklin,)	G. W. Farmer	W. S. P. Claughton		50
Wall Street	Z. T. Leavell	S. White	Natchez	25
Woodville	G. B. Rogers	J. B. Oliver	Woodville	25
McComb City	R. N. Hall	J. T. Lovelady	McComb City	30
Total for Churches				730
Send R. M. Hall, Summit				25
Total				755